‘Dacoit carrying Rs2.5 million head money gunned down’

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: Police claimed to have killed a most wanted dacoit, Kehar alias Kaihu Jatoi, who was carrying Rs2.5 million head money, in an encounter within the jurisdiction of Gairelo police station on Sunday.

During snap checking, police exchanged fire with three suspects. In the crossfire, one suspect was killed at the hands of his associates, the public relations department of Larkana police, claimed, adding that a Kalashnikov was recovered from his possession.

The slain dacoit was a key member of the gang of notorious dacoit Sathi Jatoi, who had already been killed in an encounter two months ago. Kaihu was also involved in the martyrdom of inspector Mir Muhammad Khoso, he said.

Kaihu Jatoi was wanted in more than 53 cases registered with different police stations involving organised crimes and robberies, and was a proclaimed offender in over 17 cases, police said.

The Sindh government had announced a reward of Rs2.5 million for his arrest.

The information wing said police continued intensive patrolling, strict snap checking and combing operations across the district to ensure protection of lives and property of the citizens. Operation against other accomplices of the slain dacoit was under way, it said.

On Thursday (Jan 8), two notorious criminals, including one carrying Rs2 million head money, were killed in a police encounter on the Ratodero bypass road within the jurisdiction of Ratodero police station, the SSP office claimed.

Two Kalashnikovs were recovered from their possession. They were identified as Khuda Bakhsh alias Khudo Jalbani, who was carrying the head money, and Mir Hassan alias Mero Jalbani.

SSP Ahmed Chaudhry said both dacoits were a constant source of harassment for the public and had become a serious threat to the peace of Ratodero and its adjoining areas. Involved in more than 64 heinous criminal cases, Khudo Jalbani was a proclaimed offender in over 33 cases while Mero Jalbani was involved in over 55 serious criminal cases and declared a proclaimed offender in over 15 cases.

Two siblings die of measles

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: Two siblings died of measles in Nazar Mohammad Malik village of Tangwani taluka in Kandhkot-Kashmore district on Monday.

The victims were identified as seven-year-old Abdul Wahab and his five-year-old sister Qasima Khatoon, both children of Ali Gohar Malik.

Locals claimed that so far six children had fallen victim to the disease, but the health department had failed in taking any action.

They expressed deep anger towards the district health officer (DHO) and the health administration, stating that despite multiple reports of the outbreak, no medical teams were dispatched to the village.

Dozens of other children in the village are suffering from the disease.

The affected villagers have appealed to the high officials of the Sindh health department and the provincial government to immediately send vaccination teams to the area to save precious lives of their children.

Young man shot dead

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: A young man was shot dead by unknown assailants in Lohi village within the limits of the Khanpur Mahar police station in Ghotki district late Sunday night.

Area police claimed that the man, Imran Bhatti, was present in front of his home when he was attacked.

However, his family members insisted that the killers were robbers who barged into their home and opened fire upon facing resistance.

The body was taken to the Sheikh Hamadan bin Mohammed Taluka Hospital in Khanpur Mahar for a postmortem examination before it was handed over to the heirs.

VISIBILITY in Jamshori district, like Hyderabad, Larkana and some other districts, drops drastically as thick fog engulfs the region in the early hours of Monday.—Dawn

Drug peddling network ‘run by policewoman’ busted

Big quantity of drugs seized from suspects, three associates; crackdown carried out with assistance of a ‘federal agency’, say Larkana police

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: A woman police head constable, her mother and their three associates were arrested after a district-wide network of narcotics supply was busted and a big quantity of ‘ice’ (crystal methamphetamine) and hashish was seized.

According to a district police statement, a special team comprising Aqil Fahad DSP Irshad Mughal and CIA’s Larkana Centre Incharge Arshad Mahmood Malik, supervised raids on many places within the limits of several police stations with the assistance of a federal civilian agency.

The team was constituted by SSP Ahmed Chaudhry on intelligence-based information about the network and its operatives.

A total of two kilograms of ‘ice’ and 12 kilograms of hashish were seized from the arrested suspects while raids were being carried out to arrest the other suspects named by them as their associates.

According to the police, 150 grams of ‘ice’ was seized from head constable Nazia Korai and 2,100 grams of hashish from her mother Farzana Korai while they were arrested within the limits of the Dari police station.

The two women had been running the network of narcotics peddling across the district, as well as certain parts of other districts in the province, the statement said.

Electronic gadgets were used to monitor movement of the suspects, identified by a ‘federal sensitive civilian agency’, over the last few days and finally the raids were conducted on Sunday, it added.

Giving more details, the district police statement said that two kilograms of ‘ice’ were recovered from Khalid Abro, who was arrested within the jurisdiction of the University police station; six kilograms of hashish was seized from Saleem Pitafi, who was arrested within the limits of the Bakrani police station; and 1,100 grams of hashish was recovered from Kamran aka Wadhayo Abro, who was arrested within the limits of the Dari police station.

Wadhayo’s two associates managed to escape from a raided site, the statement said, adding that one of them, Nadeem alias Nadu, threw away the 1,200 grams of hashish while he was being chased. The drugs were seized.

Police officials stated that the crackdown was being carried out with the assistance of the federal agency. Preliminary investigations revealed that constable Nazia Korai was using her police uniform and job position to run the network along with her mother.

Speaking to *Dawn*, DSP Irshad Mughal said that FIR’s were registered against the suspects at the police stations concerned.

He said termination of constable Korai’s service was recommended to the inspector general of police.

Sindh Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar has appreciated and praised the Larkana DIG and SSP, as well as their team, over the successful operation and their overall performance.

PPP lawmaker seeks protection against ‘threats’

MITHI: An ongoing war of words between Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) lawmaker Surendar Valasai and Arbab Alam, a brother of the party’s other MPAs, Arbab Lutfullah and Arbab Ameer Aman Allah, escalated when Valasai approached Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar for security of his life.

Valasai wrote to the home minister that he feared for his life, and alleged that he was being dragged into a property matter that might end up in his murder.

MPA Valasai mentioned several occasions where, according to him, Arbab Alam indirectly conveyed serious threats to him.

Arbab Alam, however, rejected the allegation as ‘baseless’ but appreciated Valasai for seeking home minister’s intervention.

The bone of contention appeared to be two properties, one belonging to Valasai’s uncle and the other to a person named Bachu Meghawar. Valasai apprehends that Bachu might encroach upon a part of his uncle’s property. He does not like Arbab Alam’s support for Bachu in the matter.

Valasai and Arbab have been fighting a war of words on social media for quite some time.

On Monday, however, MPA Valasai sought home minister’s intervention claiming that he was being extended threats to his life by Arbab Alam. He informed the minister that he had approached the chief secretary on Dec 22, 2025 for enhanced personal security.

In his rebuttal, Arbab Alam used his social media account to advise Valasai to better settle his actual dispute with Bachu Meghawar. He said he had no personal enmity with Valasai.

He said the dispute should not be given a political colour. He, however, accused Valasai of trying to occupy Bachu’s property.—Correspondent

Farmers advised oil seed cultivation

By Our Correspondent

BADIN: Agriculture Extension officials have informed farmers that the Sindh government has announced financial assistance to promote cultivation of sunflower and canola crops to help strengthen agricultural growth and improve farmers’ livelihoods.

They were addressing an awareness seminar on Monday organised by the agriculture department in Shaheed Fazil Rahu Taluka for farmers.

The speakers included senior officials, including Director Technical / Project Director (oil seed crops) Khuda Bakhsh Kalhoro, Additional Director Ramesh Kumar, Director Oilseed Research Abrar Hussain, Planning Officer Saddam Hussain Pirzada and other.

Under the initiative, farmers possessing between one and 20 acres of land, who grow sunflower or canola, will receive Rs5,000 per acre, according to the officials.

They pointed out that sunflower and canola required less water and cheaper inputs, making them cost-effective and profitable options for growers while contributing positively to the provincial / national economy.

A large number of farmers attended the seminar and showed their keen interest in cultivating oil seeds.

Reduced gas supply

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A gas utility spokesman said that the amount of gas received from these two gas fields was about 45 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d). “Due to this, gas pressure has decreased in some areas of Karachi; however, the situation has started improving in the last one hour,” he added.

The spokesperson said that the SSGC was taking various steps to ensure gas supply, the most significant of which was the suspension of gas supply to Fauji Fertiliser. “At the same time, a decision was taken to suspend gas supply to industries on Sunday so that gas supply to domestic consumers can be ensured,” he added.

The spokesperson claimed that the gas company was supplying 28 MMcf/d more gas to domestic consumers this winter compared to last year. “However, the system line pack has been severely affected due to the drop in temperature in the franchise area,” he added.

He said that the gas utility was monitoring the situation and that the restoration of gas from the fields would be immediately delivered to domestic consumers.

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Sealed quotations are invited from interested Parties / Authorized Agents, as per following details:

Sr. #	Ref. No.	Description	Qty.	Submission Date
1	FP-33/ PR-22442-26	STANDARD REFERENCE MATERIALS Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	09 Nos.	27.01.2026
2	FP-33/ PR-26159-26	BURNER CONTROLLER, FREQUENCY INVERTER AND ACCESSORIES Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	30 Nos.	28.01.2026
3	FP-88/ PR-26497-26	MICROPROCESSOR EVALUATION UNIT Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	02 Nos.	28.01.2026
4	FP-33/ PR-26340-26	VARIOUS ELECTRONIC ITEMS Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	59 Nos.	29.01.2026
5	LP-55/ PR-24072-26	CCTV SYSTEM Offer on F.O.R basis.	01 Lot.	29.01.2026

Tender(s) must be submitted on the submission date by 15:00hrs and the opening will be carried out at 15:30hrs on the respective submission date. Interested bidder may obtain complete Tender documents containing specifications and Terms & Conditions on payment of Tender Fee Rs.500/- (Non-refundable) against each tender, through Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of M/s. Peoples Steel Mills Ltd, Karachi against a written request on their Company’s letterhead. Companies wishing to receive documents through courier must add extra Rs.100/- in shape of Pay Order/Demand Draft.

CORRIGENDUM

Reference tender published in the “Daily Dawn” and the “Daily Jang” Karachi on dated: **27.10.2025** and **15.12.2025**. Please note that opening date for the following tender has been re-scheduled, as under, while all other Terms and Conditions of tender will remain the same.

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FP-SAA/ PR-24459-25	ELECTRIC OVERHEAD TRAVELING CRANE COMPLETE KIT CAPACITY: 40/16 TON Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	14.01.2026	28.01.2026
FP-SAA/ PR-26352-25	SINGLE ENDED BOGIE HEARTH FURNACE CAPACITY: 15MT (Gas-Fired) Reheating + Heat Treatment Furnace Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	20.01.2026	03.02.2026
FP-SAA/ PR-26351-25	SINGLE ENDED BOGIE HEARTH FURNACE CAPACITY: 25MT (Gas-Fired) Heat Treatment Furnace Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	21.01.2026	04.02.2026
FP-SAA/ PR-26350-25	SINGLE ENDED BOGIE HEARTH FURNACE CAPACITY: 40MT (Gas-Fired) Reheating Furnace Offer on F.O.R / CFR basis.	22.01.2026	06.02.2026

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Invites tender from FBR/BRA active filers (companies/firms) Tender fee is RS 2000/- (non-refundable) for each tender in the form of pay Orders/ Demand Draft in favor of People’s Primary Healthcare Initiative – Balochistan. Tender Documents with detail of required work can be downloaded from PPHI-Balochistan website at **http://pphib.org/pphi-b/tenders** Technical and Financial proposals must be in separate envelops and Financial Proposal must be accompanied by Bid security of 2% in shape of Call Deposit in favor of People’s Primary Healthcare Initiative Balochistan. The bid must be delivered containing technical (along with company profile) and financial proposals to Manager Admin PPHI-Balochistan Head Office, Quetta

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